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U.S. needs license for nightclub

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison City officials are concerned that the federal government is operating Stages nightclub without either a liquor or business license.

The federal government seized the local nightclub last month from convicted racketeer Tom Venezia of Belleville.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Mayor John Bellicoff — who also serves as the city's liquor commissioner — said he wanted to meet with the U.S. Marshal's office about the nightclub, located off Illinois 203 in Madison.

"If the government is operating Stages and selling liquor, they need a liquor license (from the city)," Bellicoff said.

He also said the government needs a business license.

The matter came up when City Attorney Casper Nighohossian was asked when the city might be able to go after the nightclub's liquor license.

The nightclub was owned by Venezia, but forfeited along with other property. In addition, a federal judge ordered Venezia to pay \$7.5 million in cash. The

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Levies show little change this year

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison, Venice and Pontoon Beach have all approved tax levies for 1995 that should mean little change for taxpayers.

The tax levy sets the maximum amount of revenue a taxing body can receive. Municipalities almost always levy for more than they expect to receive.

The actual tax rate is set in the spring.

The levies must be approved before Dec. 26.

At its meeting Tuesday, the Madison City Council approved a total levy of \$477,953. Madison Mayor John Bellicoff said it should mean no tax increase for city residents.

This year's tax levy in Madison includes a \$48,630 levy for the general fund, something that has not happened for several years. The rest of the levy is for special taxes.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said that levy will be

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Ready — Mike Seibold arranges plates of Christmas cookies for the holiday rush at Mrs. Seibold's Bake Shop in Granite City. This season marks the bakery's 75th anniversary. See Page 5A for story and more photos.

District to save from bond sale
\$300,000 cut in costs expectedBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

Christmas came a few days early for the Granite City School District.

On Tuesday — when most districts in the St. Louis area were shut down by snow — the Granite City School Board approved the sale of the district's \$11,658,000 general obligation bonds.

The bond sale saved the district more than \$300,000 in future interest costs.

Gene Logas, director of finance for the school district, explained that the district took advantage of favorable interest rates — much the same as a homeowner who refinances his mortgage.

While the average interest rate on last year's bonds was 6.59 percent, the interest rates received on Tuesday's sale were 4.6108 percent on Series A (short term) bonds and 5.2864 on Series B (longer term) bonds, for an average rate of about 5.10 percent, Logas said.

The new bonds were structured to include \$500,000 for working cash purposes. That money can be used for any educational purpose the board chooses.

Although district residents could have filed petitions challenging the sale and requiring a referendum on the refinancing — in effect killing the sale — no petitions were filed, School Board

"We told the taxpayers that we could accomplish the refunding of the building bonds and issue \$500,000 of working cash money without a tax increase.... We have accomplished that goal."

— Eldin Rea
Board president

President Eldin Rea said.

Rea expressed his appreciation to the taxpayers of the district. Rea said, "First, they supported the bond referendum (in November) by a 3-to-1 margin to issue the building bonds. Then, not a single petition was received in opposition to the working cash bonds."

"I thank everyone for their support and confidence in us," Rea said. "We told the taxpayers that we could accomplish the refunding of the building bonds and issue \$500,000 of working cash bonds."

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Area digs out of 4-inch snow

By Scott Cousins
and Bob Slate
Staff writers

Area residents were digging themselves out of the snow Tuesday after more than four inches of the wet, white powder fell on the Metro East.

While the heavy snow had pretty much let up by noon Tuesday, strong winds blew drifts all over the area — some as deep as two feet — and freezing temperatures caused hazardous driving conditions Tuesday night.

Temperatures were hovering just above freezing Wednesday. That "warm" spell, combined with efforts of street crews, helped melt much of the ice that had slickened streets and made traveling much less dangerous yesterday.

The storm delayed many people, and some decided to stay home Tuesday rather than risk the treacherous drive to work.

Among those who stayed home were nearly half of the students in the Granite City School District — in spite of the fact that the schools were among only a handful in the St. Louis area that conducted classes Tuesday.

With classes at 50 percent attendance, some elementary schools had to recruit



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

A group of students at Granite City School of Beauty Culture work to free a fellow student's car from the snow in the school's parking lot.

fifth grade students to serve as patrol crossing guards — a job normally assigned to sixth graders — parents said.

Superintendent Steve Balen said about

5,000 students attended classes — a little more than half of the district's average daily attendance. He said the district received "a few complaints" about the

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Out of the pool
Insurance plan droppedBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials are abandoning an insurance pool offered exclusively to municipalities in favor of a private insurance company.

The Granite City Council voted Tuesday to accept a bid from Marsh & McLennan Inc. of St. Louis to provide property, liability, workers' compensation and automobile insurance for the city in 1996 for \$850,672.

The Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association, with whom the city has done business for the past 10 years, submitted a bid for \$967,001.

Alderman Kim Affolter, chairman of the City Council's insurance and safety committee, said that the committee did not choose a bid from Luaders Associates, a

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
32°	29°	27°	29°
12°	10°	10°	10°

Top Teen

Mandy Schermer is the epitome of the well-rounded youth.

Schermer, a senior at GCHS, is captain of the Pom-Pom Squad, student council vice president and was a member of the 1995 Homecoming Court.

The Illinois State Scholar's school activities include National Honor Society, ALPHA Peer Leader, Math team, DARE Role Model, math tutor, and JETS.

She is a member of the board of directors for the Mayor's Youth Center. She was recognized in the Belleville Area Youth Salute and was named Elk's Student of the Month.

The daughter of David and Linda Schermer enjoys softball, dancing and aerobics.



Mandy Schermer

Four-way race for county board seat

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The March 19 primary election for Madison County Board member in District 19 is shaping up to be a four horse race.

Two other Granite City-area seats on the county board will also be contested, while long-time member and County Board Chairman Nellie Hagnauer of Granite City will apparently run unopposed.

Monday was the last day candidates could file petitions to have their names placed on the March 19 primary election

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ballot. No Republican candidates filed petitions for any of the county board seats in the Granite City area.

Four candidates have filed petitions for the Democratic nomination for the county board seat in district 19: incumbent Frank Laub, of the 1500 block of Cottage Avenue; and challengers Joe Papa, of the 2900 block of Shirlene Drive, Michael Antonovich Sr.,

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Environmentalists fight plan

Granite City Steel wants to increase its production. But increased production will result in increased emissions of carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide — and one local environmental activist said we already have enough of those pollutants.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was to have conducted a public hearing on the issue last night.

Kathy Andria of Granite City said the proposed increases in production are dangerous for the elderly, children, workers and others who live near or pass by Granite City Steel.

Judge: No intent to limit school

A Madison County judge said she did not mean to limit school authority last week when she sought to dismiss a trespassing case against a parent not authorized to be on school property.

"I was not trying to usurp the power of schools to monitor buildings," Associate Judge Ellar Duff said. "But I am hard pressed to find a parent guilty of trespassing when visiting his child at school."

On Dec. 12, Duff said she was dismissing a trespassing charge against a parent who Prather Elementary School Principal Debbie Wilkerson said had repeatedly entered school property without checking in at the office, as required by school rules.

The decision caused an outcry among school officials, who said administrators' ability to prevent unauthorized visitors is necessary for student and staff safety.

City Hall plan gets final OK

The Madison County Council voted at a special meeting Wednesday to go ahead with the purchase of a new city hall despite potential roof problems.

After meeting in executive session, the council voted 6-2 to finalize the purchase of the Lahey-Sedlak Funeral Home at 615 Madison Ave. Voting against the purchase were Aldermen Eleanor Armour and Norris Horton.

Both have been critical of plans to move the city hall. Finance Committee Chairman John Hamm said the council wanted to go ahead with the purchase, and then try to work with present owner Bob Thomas to repair the roof.

Mobile home park gets license

A conditional business license was approved for the Village Green Mobile Home Park in Pontoon Beach at a recessed board meeting Wednesday.

Final action on the license will be taken after village officials have a chance to look over Madison County grand jury minutes.

Man held in rape of runaway, 16

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Venice man is in jail after being charged in the rape of a 16-year-old runaway at knife point earlier this month.

Maurice C. Foster, 19, of the Lee Wright Homes housing project, was charged Monday with one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault. Police said he was in custody in the Madison County jail as of Wednesday. His bail was set at \$100,000.

Court records said the alleged incident occurred on Dec. 7.

According to police reports, at about 3:08 p.m. Dec. 8, police were dispatched to Lee Wright Homes to meet with a man who had two runaways in his girlfriend's apartment. A police check showed both listed as either missing or runaway from Kentucky.

Police arrived and took the two juveniles — ages 17 and 16 — into custody. At the police station the younger girl told police she had been sexually assaulted the night before.

The girl said that at approximately 10 p.m. the night before, the two were standing outside when Foster offered to

let them warm up in an apartment in the projects.

Once inside, she said, Foster asked if she wanted to lay down. A few minutes later, Foster allegedly came in and asked to have sex with her.

She repeatedly told him no. She said Foster then pulled a "large" knife, grabbed her by the throat and sexually assaulted her.

During the attack, she said, he slapped her several times.

The other girl told police she heard her friend crying and telling Foster no, and when someone else knocked on the door Foster would not let her go and threatened her.

They were eventually allowed to leave the apartment.

The victim was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said his office would be seeking prison time for Foster.

He also said the case was especially sad and should serve as a lesson for others thinking about running away.

He noted that runaways were always being preyed on. "I feel bad about it and it's a sad commentary on society," he said.

Teen charged in shooting

A West Granite teen is in jail after allegedly shooting at a 28-year-old man in West Granite Sunday afternoon.

Shannon L. Shemwell, 17, of the 2300 block of Logan Street, was charged Monday with aggravated discharge of a firearm and possession of a firearm without a firearm owners identification card.

Bond on the warrant is \$75,000. Shemwell is alleged to have shot a small black revolver in the direction of Brian Cox during a fight at 23rd Street and Bryan Avenue Sunday afternoon.

The shots did not hit anyone, according to a police report.

Granite City Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy said the shooting was the result of a fight that escalated.

•Bonds

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cash money without a tax increase. The results of the sales yesterday means we have accomplished our goal."

The board has previously

discussed purchasing textbooks with the working cash funds.

Tom Holloway, director of secondary education, and Ron Stern, director of elementary education, have estimated that it would cost the district \$470,000 to replace all textbooks at least seven years old.

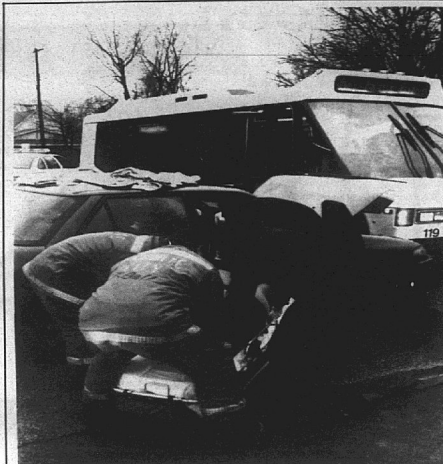
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Granite City firm, for \$861,349. The bids were all comparable in terms and limits of coverage and deductibles.

Affolter said Marsh and McLennan's offer includes 100 free hours of loss control services, such as safety seminars and in-service training, she said. Lueders offered 16 free hours of such services, which would generally run about \$100 per hour.

Granite City officials began



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Injured — Granite City firefighters remove a victim from a car at the scene of a car-bus accident at the intersection of Leyden and Cayuga about 3 p.m. Monday. The bus driver, Danny H. Floyd Granite City, was ticketed for failure to yield. The driver and passenger of the car were treated and released at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

•Levies

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offset by a decrease in the levy for the city's liability fund.

The change was ironed out in a Finance Committee meeting Saturday.

The difference is the general fund revenue can be used anywhere, while the special taxes may be used only in specific areas.

Last week, the Pontoon Beach Village Board approved a levy of \$562,832. The Venice City Council also approved a levy of \$562,832.

All of the Pontoon Beach levy was for IMRF or FICA contributions. Venice's levy included \$54,329 for the general fund and \$508,174 for special tax funds.

Both Venice and Pontoon Beach officials said they expected little change in taxes.

In all three cases, the total levy increased slightly from the amount in actual taxes collected for 1994, but not more than the five percent that would trigger a public hearing.

In a related matter, the Madison City Council approved setting up separate bank accounts for its FICA (Social Security), Medicare and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund obligations.

Granite City officials tried to negotiate with IML-RMA representatives, but could not convince them to match the Marsh and McLennan offer.

Granite City is not the only municipality in southern Illinois to pull out of the IML-RMA pool. Belleville, Carbondale and two other cities have also expressed concerns and issued ultimatums to IML-RMA, Affolter said.

Belleville also chose Marsh and McLennan as its 1996 insurance provider, Affolter said.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Sometimes people contact this office and indicate that they have been criminally attacked on the property of a particular business establishment. The question that arises in these cases is whether the business owner can be held responsible for these attacks by third parties.

Generally there is no duty to protect another against the criminal attacks of third persons. However, an owner or occupier of land in Illinois owes a duty to invitees on his premises to reasonably guard against acts of third parties which such acts are reasonably foreseeable.

In one recent case in Danville, Illinois, the plaintiff entered a department store to make a purchase. As the plaintiff was leaving through the front entrance, she was confronted by two men who took her purse and knocked her to the ground. She brought a negligence action against the store in an effort to recover money for her injuries.

The plaintiff's complaint alleged that the store owner had a duty to protect her from criminal attack by third persons which the store owner knew or should have known were reasonably likely to occur. The injured

person in this case noted that the two men who had attacked her were earlier inside the store harassing customers. She felt this should have put the store on notice that there was a potential problem. In addition, the plaintiff noted that two months earlier a similar robbery had occurred in the parking lot. Finally, the plaintiff alleged that the defendants were negligent in failing to provide adequate lighting on the lot.

The real issue in this case is whether the attack upon the plaintiff was reasonably foreseeable by the owner of the store. If the owner of the store knew or should have known that such an attack could occur, the court would impose a duty upon the business to protect its customers. If the attack was not reasonably foreseeable, there is no duty to protect.

In this case, the trial court and the appellate court found that the defendants owed no duty to the plaintiff. The court felt that the allegations regarding a previous purse snatching and the actions of the two men while inside the store were insufficient to make the attack upon the plaintiff reasonably foreseeable.

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Pontoon, fire officials discuss referendum plan

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials met Monday with representatives of the Long Lake and Mitchell fire protection district to work out differences with proposed ambulance service referendums.

Marvin Ribbing, chairman of the committee formed to look into creation of an ambulance district serving the two fire districts, said the meeting was "somewhat productive."

The committee — made up of representatives of the fire districts, Nameeki and Chouteau townships and the village — has been working for

about three months on plans to create an ambulance district, and had planned to place a referendum on the March 18 primary ballot.

However, at last week's meeting, the Pontoon Beach Village Board placed its own referendum on the ballot. If approved, it would create a tax for ambulance service.

The maximum tax rate would be 25 cents per \$100 assessed value, and would cost the owner of a \$60,000 home approximately \$50 per year. It would produce an estimated \$56,000 per year to subsidize ambulance services.

Ribbing said the Long Lake district had been prepared to approve a

referendum for the spring election, but had delayed action because of the village's action.

Village officials said they would pull their referendum if the differences could be worked out.

Ribbing said he understands the village's concerns.

"Pontoon Beach wants to have all of its residents in one ambulance district," he said.

At this time, most Pontoon Beach residents are in the Long Lake district, but small parts of the village are served by Collinsville, Glen Carbon, State Park Place and Mitchell fire districts.

Village officials have said they are

concerned that if the ambulance district includes only the two fire districts, some residents might be stuck without ambulance service.

Ribbing said there were about 35 homes outside the Mitchell and Long Lake districts.

The ambulance district is being considered because of the difficulty in keeping an ambulance firm in the area to provide service.

Over the summer, LifeForce Paramedic Ambulance Service sent a letter to local officials saying they were pulling out of Madison County because it was losing money.

The company later agreed to continue service, but company

president Jere Wilmering said an ambulance district is the only way to guarantee continued service.

Ribbing said several questions must be answered before they can decide what to do. "We've got to get an opinion from the (Madison County) clerk's office," he said.

Attorneys for both the city and fire district's must also examine the issues, he said.

One of the problems is that there may not be enough time to do everything necessary to get the issue on the ballot.

"I suggested waiting until the fall but that wasn't well received," Ribbing said.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Mail carrier Bud Parks of Granite City was one of the few people trudging through the snow Tuesday morning in downtown Granite City.

• Snow

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decision not to cancel classes. But, he said, there are usually more complaints when officials decide to close school.

"The students who missed Tuesday will not be counted as absent," Balen said, adding that students would be taking home a filler Wednesday that explained the process that goes into making a school closing decision.

"We look at two things: 'Can we move the buses?' and 'Can we clear the parking lots?'" Balen said.

He said that conditions did not look bad at 6 a.m. Tuesday, but were much worse two hours later — after the decision had been made to conduct classes.

Granite City police reported nothing unusual — considering the weather.

"Just what you would expect under the conditions," Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy said.

"Fender-benders and cars stuck in the road."

Madison County Transit District Director Jerry Kane said buses were moving, but were delayed.

He said shuttles were having an especially difficult time on

residential streets, and door-to-door service was limited to "life sustaining and medical" runs only.

Meanwhile, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Emergency Room Director Kathleen Gauzen said the staff was "busy as a one-handed paper hanger."

She said things were quiet Tuesday morning, but after the snow died down business seemed to increase due to "snow shovelers and people who drive as if there was no snow on the ground."

Ed Cholek, regional manager at Illinois Power, said the utility company experienced few problems.

Most weather-related problems result from the weight of rain freezing on power lines rather than from snow, he said.

Jessie's restaurant was closed Tuesday, while Violets and Vinery, located in the same building downtown on Niedringhaus Avenue, was open and actually had some customers. But because high winds kept blowing the door open, store officials kept it locked.

While many stores and shops closed or had few customers Tuesday, business was good

for others.

"I've been selling salt and snow shovels all morning," said Don Caughron of Don's Hardware.

He said another truckload of salt was supposed to arrive sometime that afternoon.

He said most people wait until snow hits before they buy supplies. "Like everybody else, the biggest part of them wait until the last minute," Caughron said.

Grocery stores reported doing brisk business Tuesday evening as shoppers stocked up on staples such as milk and bread.

Few surprises in filing

Holbrook, Clayborne have no opposition

With few surprises, filing ended Monday at 5 p.m. for next year's local, state and national elections.

There will be no competition in the March 19 primary for many area Democrats. And few Republicans filed for the primary. Traditionally, the GOP adds candidates later.

Candidates popped in and out of the Madison County Clerk's Office Monday to meet the 5 p.m. deadline for filing nominating petitions.

All countywide officeholders whose terms expire next year filed on Dec. 11, the first day to file petitions.

They are Auditor Fred Bath of Granite City, Circuit Clerk Matt Malucchi of Collinsville, Coroner Dallas Burke of Alton, Recorder of Deeds Dan Donohoo of East Alton and State's Attorney William Haine of Alton, all Democrats.

Donohoo will be the only countywide official to face opposition in the primary election. His challenger, Ronald P. Lucas of Maryville, held the office for a number of years and was Donohoo's predecessor.

Richard Hampson of Worden is the only Republican to file for a countywide office. He is seeking the nomination for coroner. Hampson unsuccessfully sought the GOP nomination for coroner in 1992.

There will be competition in the primary in only one of the two state representative districts that take up most of the Granite City area. In the 111th Legislative District, the Democratic incumbent, Steve Davis of Bethalto, is challenged by

current County Board member Charles "Tim" Knott of Granite City.

Jim Mihalich of East Alton is the lone Republican in the primary in the 111th District.

In the 113th District race, Democratic incumbent Tom Holbrook has no opposition on either the Democratic or Republican side.

State Sen. James Clayborne is at this point also unopposed in both the primary and general election.

The area race that drew the most candidates is for U.S. representative from the 20th Congressional District, the seat that Dick Durbin of Springfield is leaving to try for Paul Simon's Senate seat.

Democrats seeking to represent the 20th District in Congress are John Glynn of Carrollton; Jay Hoffman of Collinsville, leaving his state

rep's post in the 112th District; and Sam Cahnman of Springfield.

Republicans who will square off in the same primary are John Shimkus of Collinsville, Bill Owens of Springfield, Rich Angel of Litchfield, and Dave Green of Springfield.

In the 12th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello of Belleville will have no opposition in the Democratic primary; Shapley Hunter of Tamm, Ill., was the only GOP candidate in the 12th District.

In the 12th Legislative District, the Democratic primary will pit Glenn Bradford of Glen Carbon against Collinsville firefighter Ron McDonald.

Associate Judge Larry Keshner of Godfrey is unopposed in the primary for the seat of Paul Riley, who left the circuit bench to take a seat in U.S. District Court.

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Opinion

Editorials

Lives in the balance

Judges are given one of the most important and difficult responsibilities of government: administering justice.

While the executive and legislative branches of government are no less important to our democracy, the judicial system is given the huge burden of interpreting laws and determining the guilt or innocence of defendants. Judges determine who is right and who is wrong in a specific dispute. They decide whether laws created by the legislative branch are just or if they infringe on the Constitutional rights of citizens.

The delicate balance of justice relies on the deliberation of judges. The lives of persons brought before the court depend on careful consideration.

But with a dramatic increase in the amount of litigation and dockets filled with hundreds of cases to be tried each day, judges may sometimes find themselves more concerned with moving dockets along than with administering justice.

That appears to have been the case last week when a Madison County associate judge facing a long docket of non-jury misdemeanor charges apparently intended the prosecution of a school trespassing case and opted to dismiss the charge.

On the surface, that may seem trivial. But the case in question had far-reaching ramifications. It was important to school administrators, who are responsible for the safety of students and staff. They said the decision in the halls of justice would make policing the halls of academia a nearly impossible task.

The decision also angered parents, teachers and legislators.

Granted, not many misdemeanor cases hold the ramifications that this particular case did. But we think the judge should have at least heard all the circumstances before rendering a decision.

Luckily, an astute police officer who happened to be in the courtroom let the judge know that she had jumped the gun. The judge scrambled to rescind the dismissal and sent the case off to be reassigned.

The case should serve as an important reminder to judges that no two cases are exactly alike and that each case is important to the participants. While days of long dockets filled with misdemeanor charges may be inconvenient to the assigned judge, each case represents a significant event—at least in the lives of the participants.

If judges are not willing to consider the specifics of each case, why then do we need trials? Why not, with a single, broad wave of the hand, pass judgment on all cases summarily?

Or, ludicrous as it may seem, why not eliminate judges and simply draw straws from a hat to determine guilt or innocence in criminal cases?

A popular film from the 1970s satirically depicted a similar form of justice in Arthurian England. The case at bar required a judge to determine whether the accused was actually a witch.

The judge did not bother to elicit testimony. His logic was this: witches are to be burned; wood also burns; wood also floats; and ducks float. Therefore, if the accused woman weighed the same as a duck then she must be a witch.

Sure, judges are human. They make mistakes. But they are invested with important responsibilities on which the scales of justice delicately balance.

We hope all judges will keep those responsibilities in mind the next time they face an overloaded docket.

Roadblocks to open voting

While Illinois officials continue to protect roadblocks to open voting, the state of Oregon has shown that it can pull off a congressional election by mail that not only saved the state \$1 million but substantially boosted voter participation.

Meanwhile, here in Illinois, the governor and GOP legislative leaders are obstinately sticking to their refusal to fully implement the federal motor voter act, which would make registration available at state driver's licensing and other state offices. Only Illinois and Mississippi have a state never known for foresighted election rules—have a cumbersome registration system in which voters at the state offices are registered only for federal elections unless they specifically ask for full registration.

In 48 other states, residents are offered voter registration that is valid for every election from the president of the United States down to dogcatcher.

But in Illinois, officials are simply wringing their hands and mouthing nightmare tales of graveyard voters in Chicago and the potential for rampant voter fraud.

We refuse to believe that Illinois voters are—as a group—more corrupt or criminal than those of 48 other states who have apparently found ways to offer full registration while minimizing fraud risk. Instead, it appears, the Illinois officials who have chosen to hinder full implementation of the federal voter bill have chosen to cast their lot with the leaders of Mississippi, where voter regulations have long been used to limit the voices of the poor and disenfranchised.

While most of the nation enjoys the benefits of more open voter registration, Illinoisans remain wed to a regressive and antiquated outlook in which politicians view voters as pawns to be controlled, not as the masters who should be calling the shots.

—From the Alton Telegraph

Holiday drive needs help

"...to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee," poet John Donne's durable line is often quoted as a reminder of the humanity we all share.

And it is just as apt a reminder that we need to pitch in to help the Salvation Army's Free of Lights campaign, which is lagging behind its goal for the year.

By late last week, donations to the campaign stood at about \$107,000. Salvation Army officials hope to raise about \$135,000. With only a few days left until Christmas, they're beginning to get concerned.

Money donated to the Tree of Lights is earmarked to help about 5,000 needy people with food and toys during the holiday season.

Christmas charity is perhaps no better symbolized than by the Salvation Army. It's red donation kettles and, of course, the bells.

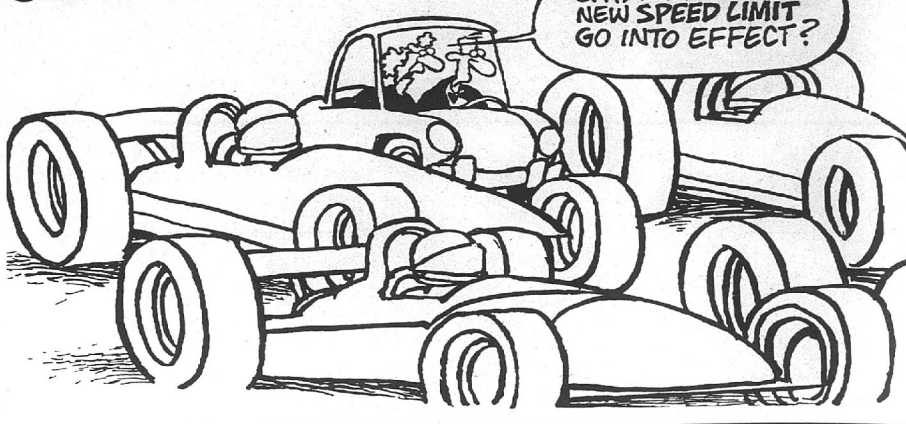
There's still time to volunteer to ring the bell to help make Christmas merrier for the poor, sick and homeless, and there will still be plenty of opportunities this week to drop a little extra in one of those familiar red kettles.

The Salvation Army offers support and aid without judgment or scorn. For generations it has been the help of the helpless, recognizing, as did poet Donne, that "no man is an island."

We hope you'll respond generously the next time you hear a Salvation Army bell. It tolls for you.

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Comments from Carol

Parodies cast pall on holiday spirit

'Tis the season to be jolly and slowly but surely, I'm working my way up to the proper frame of mind. It's been a slow haul to date, but things are bound to improve.

For starters, I missed the 30th television airing of Charlie Brown's Christmas, something I rarely do since it tops my list of the season's offerings, thanks to the pitifully scrawny tree and the touching simplicity of Linus's reading of St. Luke's story of the first Christmas.

We were lucky enough to catch the showing of the movie about Ralphie, the bespectacled kid who wanted a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas, and with any kind of luck, the Grinch and the Whoville folks should be showing up soon. Never mind Dickens' "Christmas Carol" or "It's a Wonderful Life"—just give me Capote's "Christmas Memory" and my holiday will be complete.

Unfortunately, a couple of weeks ago within the space of two days I found myself deeply dispirited and—okay, admit it—offended, thanks to a segment of SNL and, on Sunday, a newspaper review of



Carol Clarkin

a recent CD release. And I don't become offended easily.

For years, I rarely missed Saturday Night Live—the years of Chevy Chase, Bill Murray, Eddie Murphy, John Belushi, Dana Carvey, Jane Curtin, Gilda Hadner. The glory years of the show, so to speak. More recently, SNL has ceased to be funny (and not just to me) and the sooner it becomes defunct, the better, in my opinion.

The segment I recently found offensive was a skit based on the journey of the three wise men (or kings, if you prefer) to Bethlehem and their arrival at the stable. The purported humor of the skit lay in the premise that one of the Magi (Casper) had forgotten to bring a gift, hoped there'd be a gift shop open ("Nah, it's late and the town's

really little anyway"), ends up at a Quick Shoppe and presents Mary and Joseph with a plastic sack full of junk like bubble bath and chewing gum. That's funny?

Worse is the CD, "Blame it on Christmas," a "pop-and-rock" species which includes songs from "weirdos from around the world," the most tasteless of whom HAS to be one Bob Francis (the poor man's Frank Sinatra Jr.) singing "That Swingin' Manger," as in "Hey, that swingin' manger, it's one koo-koo bed."

The melody is the venerable "Away in a Manger" and the lyrics give new meaning to the word "offensive." As in, "Now the cows they go moo-moo, they woke up the kid, but that little trooper, never flipped his lid" and on and on, ad nauseum.

Sure, I can turn off the TV (and did) and certainly I wouldn't think of buying the CD, but I can't help wondering what sort of people find amusement in parodies like these.

I'm only too well aware that I'm something of a relic but at

Christmas time, frankly, my dears, I don't give a damn—I prefer it that way. And I think there are a lot of other people like me, people who realize that without Bethlehem, there'd be no holiday, and recent attempts to make fun of the very basis of the day.

Now that I've managed to get THAT off my chest I'll probably be more open to the spirit of the season. One good starter for me is the upcoming Twombly annual open house, hosted by a young couple, once our neighbors.

It's a casual affair bringing together their friends, family and neighbors, both old and new, and although Sara's invitation always reads "Children optional," their home will be filled with excited small fry, enough to make the afternoon special to me.

After all, what is Christmas without them? And since I no longer have truly young 'uns around, I'm not above borrowing some for at least one day of the season.

What more is there to say, then, except to wish you all a very merry Yuletide!

Letters to the editor

Stop pollution of environment

TO THE EDITOR:

On Wednesday night, the Illinois EPA held a public hearing related to Granite City Steel's expansion. A public hearing five days before Christmas? What better time to hold it to ensure that no one comes. Thank you IEPA and GC Steel for such a thoughtful gift.

The citizens of Granite City, Madison and the surrounding area have been assaulted for years by the pollution emanating from Granite City Steel. It continues to be on the top 10 list of polluters in the state. Our families have cancer, heart disease and lung diseases and our children have asthma.

Granite City has given GC Steel its own taxing district, allowing money that could have gone into our schools to be reinvested in the plant. And yet, GC Steel would not commit a percentage of that TIF money into ensuring that our air would be clean.

Yes, we need the jobs. But many, if not most, of Granite City steel workers have moved out of the city, away from the pollution, leaving the rest of us who can't afford to move behind to suffer the consequences. Even GC Steel's own public relations director has moved to cleaner surroundings.

In November, area citizens quite touchingly testified to the Granite City City Council how pollutants in the air seriously

affect the health of their families; Mayor Ron Selph courageously vetoed rescinding the ban on leaf burning.

This past summer, we had devastating air pollution and 20 days of ozone exceedances. Last Thursday morning in Bellemore Village, I went outside to get the paper at 6 a.m. and was hit with a powerful odor. I thought I was in Wood River. It's the same smell that can be detected with increasing frequency on Madison Avenue in downtown Granite City and that chokes those who must drive on Edwardsville Road past the coke plant.

And yet Congress and our own state EPA is seeking to relax air pollution standards, to allow even higher levels of ozone, volatile organic chemicals and particulates.

Who is being protected by the EPA? Not the children. Not the elderly. Industry, that's who. And as for protecting workers, they must breathe the very strongest concentrations of these unhealthy particles and toxins and are increasingly asked to work longer and longer hours with even more exposure because companies don't want to expand their work force.

It's time that area citizens stood up for their rights and those of their children to a clean, healthful environment, for the right to live and work without risk to their families. Let's also send season's greetings to our elected officials, asking for Christmas present of clean air, clean water and real protection of our natural resources and the health of our families.

And, if you're too busy with

Christmas shopping and family gatherings to attend a public hearing, call us at 970-5458 and we'll let IEPA know of your concern.

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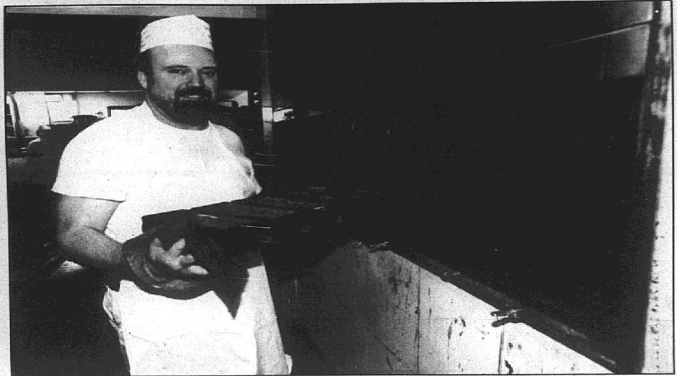
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People



Mike Seibold fills plates of holiday cookies at Mrs. Seibold's Bake Shop in Granite City.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Larry Seibold, the bakery's production supervisor, takes a pan of candy strudels out of the oven.

75 years and counting

Mrs. Seibold's bakery still going strong

Cookies and cakes, Danish and doughnuts. If you have a sweet tooth, Mrs. Seibold's Bake Shops can turn a routine day into something special.

It was 75 years ago that Reinhold and Minnie Seibold opened a bakery at 19th and State streets in downtown Granite City.

The business is now being run by a third generation of the Seibold family. And while the location has changed, the recipe for success has not.

"We still use the same formulas that our grandparents used," said Mike Seibold, 40. "Oh, we're always offering something new. People get bored if you don't give them variety. But we bake everything the way it was done 75 years ago."

Mike, brother Larry, 45, and sister Carol Jones, 48, operate all five Mrs. Seibold's Bake Shops — two in Granite City and one each in Edwardsville, East Alton and Wood River.

Larry is in charge of production, although Mike said that "everyone has to pitch in

around Christmas," when production doubles.

"Right now it's kind of hectic," he said.

All the bakery's goods are produced from scratch at the Madison Avenue store in Granite City, where two double ovens are running most of the time. Cookies, cakes and other baked goods are then shipped directly to the other outlets.

"People are surprised when they walk in the back (of the Madison Avenue store) and see all this space," Mike said.

Larry's day begins between 11 p.m. and midnight, when he starts production of the next day's cookies, cakes and doughnuts. Mike arrives a few hours later.

But no two days are the same, Mike said. "Each day is different. There are always special orders," he said.

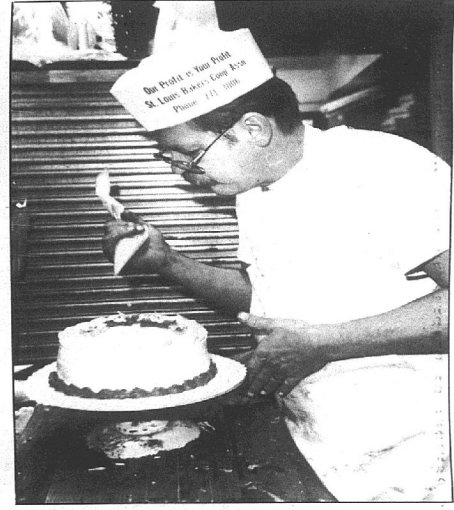
And as long as there are birthdays, holidays or just plain ho-hum days, Mrs. Seibold's Bake Shops will be around to help make them special.



Bonnie Davis ices a layer cake. She has been with Mrs. Seibold's bakery for 28 years.



Stuart Cowan rolls out the dough for praline cookies before running them through the slicer.



Ron Kinworth takes time to add the proper decorations to a freshly-baked cake.

Increased use of credit cards puzzles experts

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Our increased use of credit cards, especially to finance purchases formerly made with cash, puzzles some academic economists.

Most puzzling to them are people who don't pay off their charges each month and, thus, pay interest fees that far exceed the interest charged on typical bank loans.

Recent concern focused on the delinquency rate on bank-issued credit cards. The third quarter's 3.3-percent delinquency rate is the highest it has been since 1991, and the second highest since 1976, when bankers began tracking it.

Believe it or not, we are rational users of credit cards. So say Rice University economists Dagobert Brito and Peter Harley.

They, too, wondered why consumers carry balances on their credit cards. Noting the double-digit interest rates routinely levied on credit card balances, they also wondered why competition between banks had failed to develop and lower those interest rates.

Their findings: "Credit cards are very useful as a low-cost method of financing transactions and arranging short-term loans," Brito and Harley wrote recently in the *Journal of Political Economy*.

"For many individuals, credit cards have replaced finance companies, pawn shops and layaway plans" as a means of stretching paychecks, Brito and Harley said.

Indeed, they discovered that as money balances decline — the cash we stash in our pockets to pay for everyday purchases — the dollar volume of credit card purchases

increases.

The economists liken credit cards to a "form of insurance against unanticipated shocks to desired consumption."

They found that credit cards are used for 32 percent to 62 percent of the average consumer's monthly spending. Overall, credit cards account for 40 percent of purchases, double the pace of the 1980s, a Wall Street economist reported recently.

Consumers prefer credit cards and their high interest rates to bank loans, because bank loans are more expensive up front, due to application fees, Brito and Harley said.

Low bank rates, though, can attract credit-card users who carry balances. Bankers report that home-equity loans and mortgage refinancings are frequently used to pay off card balances.

As for why credit card interest rates are so high, often approaching 20 percent.

Conventional economic theory predicts the credit card field should be highly competitive. The industry's high profits, due to the high interest rates and low entry-cost, should attract competitors who, to win customers, would charge a lower interest rate.

That hasn't been the case.

First, the interest rate would have to be substantially lower — approximately 3 percentage points lower, according to Brito and Harley — to convince consumers to switch to a new credit card.

Moreover, the much-lower rate would attract a less credit-worthy clientele and, thus, more bad debts the card-issuer would have to write off.

That's why credit card interest rates remain so high, Brito and Harley said.

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Warriors skate to 10th straight win

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It appears that the hockey Warriors' opponents are beginning to step up their game when they get a chance to play Granite City. Such was the case Monday night at Wilson Park, as the Warriors survived a spirited effort by Francis Howell North and went on to win 7-4 in a game that was much closer than the score indicated.

The Warriors (10-0) jumped out to a 2-0 lead, only to see Howell North tie the score at 2 early in the second period. The Warriors went on top again, but North refused to let down, knotting the score 3-3 by the end of the second period.

BUT JON BURNS produced a four-point night, and Bobby Harris scored a big third-period goal to give the Warriors momentum in the third period.

"They played us very well, and it was a tight game until the third period," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich. "They were up for the task — and every team we face now will step it up a notch in order to try to beat us. We won by three goals, but this was not as easy as it sounds."

Mikal Guffey scored his 16th goal of the season (See SKATERS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Bryan Loftus moves the puck up the ice.

Snowstorms halt prep basketball schedule

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It's amazing what four or more inches of snow can do. The snow that fell in the Metro East on Tuesday did more than look pretty on the ground. It caused a multitude of accidents, canceled school for nearly every student, and also postponed a full lineup of high school basketball games.

THE GRANITE CITY boys basketball team, fresh off its first win of the season Saturday over Jerseyville, was due to play another Mississippi Valley Conference game — Civic Memorial — on Tuesday. But even though the Bethalto area received barely two inches of snow, the game was canceled. It was scheduled to be made up on Wednesday

night, right after the GCHS girls game with the Eagles. The Lady Warriors, sitting pretty atop the Southwestern Conference standings, were to play at Collinsville on Tuesday. But that game was canceled as well and will be played Thursday night at Memorial Gymnasium.

Also scheduled for Tuesday night was the Madison Trojans' game at Hillsboro. Hillsboro received barely more than an inch of snow, but the travel conditions were deemed much too dangerous to attempt such a trip.

THAT GAME HAS BEEN rescheduled for a Saturday in early January, although the date could not be confirmed.

The Madison girls team is scheduled to travel to Bruns (See SCHEDULE, Page 2B)

JV grapplers capture tourney title

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It was a very complicated scoring system, but after all the dust settled the Granite City Warrior junior varsity wrestling team won an important tournament held at Oakville High School last Saturday.

Although there were eight teams on hand, the tournament was held in a dual-meet format, with the Warriors going up against four other teams head to head.

GRANITE CITY defeated four Missouri teams: St. Charles West 36-33, Francis Howell North 57-18, Farmington 64-9 and Jefferson City 39-31.

Strangely enough, the Warriors faced all of the teams that were placed in the opposite division. Granite City was the gold division, while the four Missouri teams made up the black division.

The team with the highest number of total points in four matches won its respective division, and the overall point-getter received the championship trophy.

Granite City finished first in the gold division with 196 points, ahead of host Oakville (147), Mehlville (99) and Riverview Gardens (90).

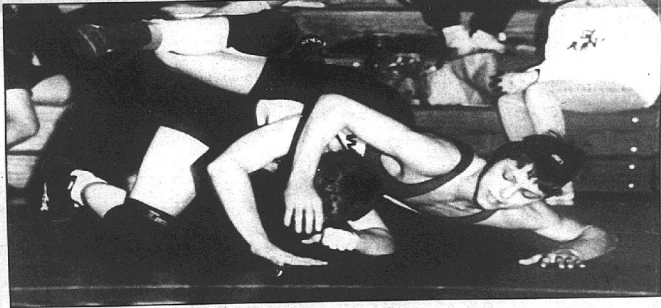
MEANWHILE, ST. CHARLES West won the black division with 189 points, followed by Jefferson City (183), Howell North (116) and Farmington (102).

Therefore, the Warriors won a very difficult tournament.

"It wasn't really that difficult, each of the teams in a division all wrestled the same teams, so they just figured out the total points in the four dual meets," said Granite City coach Mark Whitaker. "The way it was set up, we could have lost a match and still won the tournament. But we didn't and it took a good effort on our part."

The Warriors did have six individual champions, which were also selected after a complicated process. Wrestlers were given point values for 'good points' they compiled in their matches.

At 103 pounds, Granite City's (See GRAPPLERS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCHS wrestler Bobby Chaulsett (right) tangles with an opponent. The Warriors will host the Granite City Holiday Tournament on Dec. 27-28.

Colts' future in air after M-C departure

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The East St. Louis Colts 45s have been a part of the Mon-Clair Baseball League for nearly the entire 30-year history of the league.

East St. Louis has dropped out of the league twice before, only to come back after a year or so to rejoin the league. After a tough 1995 summer which saw the Colts suspended from the league, it is apparent that they will not be in the league in 1996 and their future is up in the air.

A LEAGUE MEETING was held in mid-November to find a replacement for the Colts in

the North Division. East St. Louis could have filed for reinstatement, but no one representing the Colts came forward.

Stepping up to fill the spot was Dennis Foor, and the league quickly voted Fairview Heights as the newest team in the Mon-Clair League.

Foor's team will restore the league to 10 teams, and it is unclear whether the Colts will be able to do what it takes to get back in the league next year or any year after that.

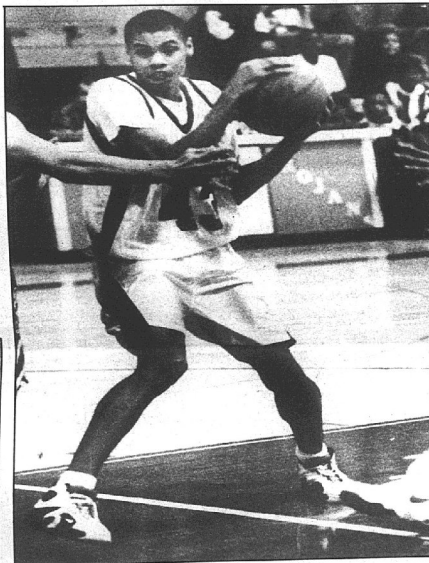
Mon-Clair League president Mel Patton said he was surprised that no one else was present at the meeting to apply for entrance to the league.

"The rumors were that East St. Louis would try to be reinstated, but that didn't happen," Patton said. "I also thought there would be at least one other team, the St. Louis Wildcats, in the running, but it was only Foor and Fairview Heights."

"I SENT A letter to Art May telling him of the meeting and asking him to consider rejoining, but I didn't push it. I never heard back from anyone."

May was the manager of the Colts for many years until last year, when he tried in vain to retire. Disorganization hurt the team last season, and May

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison junior guard Jerrind Howard drives inside. The Trojans will play top-seeded Decatur MacArthur in next week's Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic.

12th Annual Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic

Thursday, Dec. 28

Game 1: Urbana vs. Edwardsville, 9 a.m.
Game 2: Belleville East vs. Civic Memorial, 10:30 a.m.
Game 3: Decatur MacArthur vs. Madison, 1 p.m.
Game 4: Quincy vs. Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin, 2:30 p.m.
Game 5: Springfield Southeast vs. Granite City, 4 p.m.
Game 6: Peoria vs. Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Game 7: Collinsville vs. O'Fallon, 8:30 p.m.
Game 8: East St. Louis vs. Triad, 10 p.m.
Seeds: No. 1, Decatur MacArthur; No. 2, Collinsville; No. 3, Springfield Southeast; No. 4, Belleville East.

Second Round

Friday, Dec. 29

Game 9: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 9 a.m.; Game 10: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 10:30 a.m.; Game 11: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 1 p.m.; Game 12: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 2:30 p.m.; Game 13: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 4 p.m.; Game 14: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7 p.m.; Game 15: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 8:30 p.m.; Game 16: Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8, 10 p.m.

Third Round

Saturday, Dec. 30

Game 17: Consolation semifinal, Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 9 a.m.; Game 18: Consolation semifinal, Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 16, 10:30 a.m.; Game 19: Championship semifinal, Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 1 p.m.; Game 20: Championship semifinal, Winner Game 14 vs. Winner Game 15, 2:30 p.m.; Game 21: Consolation title game — Winner Game 17 vs. Winner Game 18, 4 p.m.; Game 22: Third-place game — Loser Game 19 vs. Loser Game 20, 7 p.m.; Game 23: Championship game — Winner Game 19 vs. Winner Game 20, 8:30 p.m.

Lady Trojans post 1st win

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It took some time, but the hard work and patience of Don Smith and the Madison Lady Trojans finally paid off with a 48-46 win over host Duplo last Thursday in a nonconference game.

It was the first win of the season for Madison, and the first-ever high school win for Smith, in his first year on the job.

SMITH HAS HAD A tough chore this season, trying to rework the Lady Trojans and basically starting from scratch.

Working with an extremely young, inexperienced team, it's actually an accomplishment to pick up a win this soon in the season.

"It was a close game, and an exciting game, and also a very big win for us," Smith said. "It was so close — a real barnburner. We got some big shots by a couple of our players to pull it out at the end."

And the game was not against a pushover. Duplo has also worked hard over the last year or so, trying to develop its team out of the ashes. Duplo coach Chris Wilkenson had his team playing pretty well, with wins over Lebanon and Livingston over the past two weeks.

"WE PLAY LEBANON this year, too," said Smith, "so we have a chance to get another win."

Smith said he personally felt a great relief with the win, and added the girls were fairly happy as well.

"They were hollering and jumping up and down, and hugging each other," Smith said. "It was a great sight. It was a good game for us. We needed a win badly at this point. The kids had never quit, but the whole atmosphere changes when you win a game."

"The practice the next day was like a whole different team."

MESHA DEBOE, a junior guard, led the Lady Trojans with 14 points, including some big 3-point shots in the final quarter.

"Those were clutch shots, and they really helped us get the win," Smith said. "When you have somebody who can hit 3 in the clutch, you've got something."

Junior Sharonda Latham added 12 points, and Smith pointed out the efforts of Jamecia Wooten, a freshman who scored four points; and Deana Robinson, a sophomore who also added four points.

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Trivial matters

1. Peoria Central returns for its third year in the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic seeking its third straight title. What is the only team to win three straight titles at Collinsville?

2. Which two area coaches have guided teams to the Columbia-Freeburg Tournament title in seven of the past eight years?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

FCA clinic
The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 volleyball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 6 at a site to be announced.

Clinicians include: Belleville Area College coach Lisa Kowalski, Jefferson College coach Jo Ellen Stringer, Sue Kelly (Liberty University, St. Louis University, FCA staff) and Karen Hopkins (Illinois State, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood Volleyball Club).

The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 on-site and includes refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call (314) 883-3322.



Coming up

Tourney preview
Carrie Simpson (left) and the Lady Warriors will play in next week's Mascoutah Tournament, which gets under way Tuesday. See Sunday's Journal for a preview.

Trivia answers

1. Lincoln High School (1985-87).
2. Dennis Rueter (Gibault) and Darrell Burd (Columbia, Piassa Southwestern).

SPORTS

Sports shorts

New Year's scramble
Arlington Golf Course is holding a New Year's Day Chili Scramble on Jan. 1, 1996. The scramble format will be A-B-C-D player type for four-person teams.

The cost is \$40, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food and drink, plus cash prizes. To sign up, call 1-800-588-5232.

BAC baseball camp
Belleville Area College baseball coach Neil Fiala will host an indoor hitting camp featuring video tape analysis at BAC from 6:30-8 p.m. on Jan. 7-9 at BAC. The camp is for kids ages 7-17; the cost is \$60. To register, call 235-2700, extension 271 during the day or (314) 467-2768 in the evening.

McKendree on WINU
Action Syndication and WINU Radio, along with McKendree College, have worked out the details to return play-by-play coverage of McKendree's basketball games to WINU.

"We are thrilled to be back on the air," said Eureka coach and athletic director Harry Statham. "The broadcast connects those of our fans who can't be with us during the game."

Because of the expansion of WINU Radio's broadcast schedule, the finalization of the broadcast package took longer than anticipated. Bruce Beach, Bob Agne and Joe May will share the play-by-play assignments with Kent Zimmerman providing color commentary.

The renewed coverage began Dec. 16 with McKendree's home game against Eureka College. Other games on the broadcast schedule are:

— Thursday, Jan. 4: McKendree at IUPUI (delay), 8 p.m.
— Monday, Jan. 8: IUPUI at McKendree (delay), 9:15 p.m.
— Saturday, Jan. 13: Park at McKendree (delay), 8:30 p.m.
— Thursday, Jan. 18: Columbia at McKendree (delay), 9:30 p.m.
— Saturday, Jan. 20: McKendree at Hannibal-LaGrange (delay), 10:30 p.m.
— Thursday, Jan. 25: Missouri Baptist at McKendree (delay), 7:30 p.m.
— Saturday, Jan. 27: McKendree at Lindenwood (delay), 9 p.m.

— Thursday, Feb. 1: McKendree at Harris-Stowe, 7:30 p.m.
— Thursday, Feb. 8: McKendree at Park (delay), 9 p.m.
— Saturday, Feb. 10: McKendree at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.
— Thursday, Feb. 15: Hannibal-LaGrange at McKendree (delay), 8:30 p.m.
— Saturday, Feb. 17: McKendree at Missouri Baptist (delay), 10:30 p.m.
— Thursday, Feb. 22: Harris-Stowe at McKendree (delay), 8:30 p.m.
— Saturday, Feb. 24: Lindenwood at McKendree (delay), 9 p.m.

FCA volleyball clinic
The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 volleyball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 6 at a site to be announced.

Clinicians include: Belleville Area College coach Lisa Kowalski, Jefferson College coach Jo Ellen Stringer, Sue Kelly (Liberty University, FCA staff) and Karen Hopkins (Illinois State, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood Volleyball Club).

The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 on-site and includes refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call (314) 863-3322.

FCA baseball coaches clinic
The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 baseball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Fairview Heights Ramada Inn, located at I-64 and Illinois 159.

The event will feature Milwaukee Brewers catcher Mike Matheny, Todd Worrell of the Los Angeles Dodgers will speak about his faith. Other clinicians include San Diego Padres scout Van Smith, former head coach at McKendree College and Belleville Area College) and Bob Marsh of Greenville College. The clinic host is Joel Hawkins, head baseball coach at Highland High School.

The cost is \$20 (by Jan. 17) or \$25 at the door and includes a continental breakfast. For more information, call (314) 863-3322.



All-staters — Granite City High School senior football players (from right) Chris Janek and Eldin Rea were recently honored with certificates of recognition by GCHS. Janek was named All-State, and Rea was named to the All-State academic team. Pictured with Janek and Rea is Granite City school board president Eldin Rea.

Colts

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returned late in the year to help out. The Colts were suspended from the league for a variety of bylaw infractions, and would have had to reapply to return to the league. This actually marks the third time in the Colts' long history that they have left the league for at least one year.

May could not be reached for comment before press time, but last year's acting manager, Carlos Stanford, said he expects the team to return someday.

"I know Dr. May needs some help. We just need to get organized," Stanford said. "Maybe the year off is what we needed to get our act together."

Patton agreed: "If they need one year to get organized, we'll be glad to hear from them. The door is always open to East St. Louis as far as a Mon-Clair team."

Patton added Fairview Heights seemed like the perfect fit. In 1994, the Mon-Clair League playoff finals were held at Longacre Park.

"When we would go up there for the playoffs two years ago, we were treated very well by the people, and they really made us feel welcome," Patton said. "Dennis made a very nice presentation, and he's someone who knows what it means to run a team, from managing to raising funds."

"The main concern was if they would take players away from the other teams in their area," O'Fallon and Belleville said. Daren DeFew, manager of league champ Granite City, said they made it clear that they have the players they need.

"Certainly in their favor was the place they play, Longacre Park. That's a nice facility. They'll be in our division, so it should be fun."

"Dennis called me at the end of last season, and about every

two weeks after that, making sure I was aware of Fairview's desire for a team," Patton said. "We had to hold a meeting just so he would quit calling me."

"But everything seems to be in place, and they've already been voted into the league. It's official at this point. Fairview Heights will play in the league next year."

No name for the team has apparently been selected yet, and the team will be on automatic probation for one year. Patton added that with the team drawing from former minor-leaguers and college players, there should be no problems.

"We just wanted to make sure they would strengthen the league, not weaken it," he said. "I know Dennis is a competitive guy, and he's not going to embarrass himself or the city of Fairview Heights. I'm sure they'll have a competitive team."

Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Week of Dec. 20	
Team	Points
1. Fox	59
2. Granite City	55
3. Hazelwood East	48
4. St. Charles West	42
5. Francis Howell	36
6. Fanny	29
7. Oakville	22
8. Pattonville	19
9. Belleville East	8
10. DeSmet	5

Also receiving votes: Wentzville, De Soto, Hazelwood Central.

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS	
1. Webster Groves (7-0)	70
2. CB (8-0)	63
3. Belleville East (5-1)	51
4. St. Charles West (NA)	49
5. Alton (8-0)	37
6. DeSmet (3-3)	31
7. Mehlville (5-0)	25
8. Vashon (5-2)	16
9. Marquette (NA)	10
10. Francis Howell (5-2)	9

Also receiving votes: Riverview Gardens, Eureka, Hazelwood West, Oakville and Northwest.

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Cardinal Ritter (3-3)	70
2. John Burroughs (NA)	61
3. Berkeley (6-1)	58
4. Lutheran South (5-1)	44
5. MICDS (4-1)	42
6. Columbia (5-0)	34
7. Gibault (5-1)	24
8. Duchesne (3-4)	23
9. Rosary (3-0)	12
10. Fanny (NA)	9

Also receiving votes: Gateway, St. Dominic, Valley Park, Kennedy and Bayless.

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Parkway South (6-0)	70
2. Cor Jesu (4-2)	62
3. St. Charles West (7-0)	49
4. (tie) Belleville East (7-0)	48
4. (tie) Hazelwood Central (9-1)	48
6. Northwest (7-0)	36
7. Parkway West (7-1)	25
8. McCluer (7-1)	13
9. Belleville West (7-0)	9
10. Webster Groves (5-1)	7

Also receiving votes: O'Fallon, Francis Howell, East St. Louis-Lincoln and Pattonville.

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Incarnate Word (6-0)	70
2. John Burroughs (NA)	62
3. Rosary (6-1)	52
4. Holyoke (7-2)	48
5. (tie) Duchesne (7-1)	42
5. (tie) Althoff (8-2)	42
7. MICDS (5-1)	21
8. (tie) Bayless (5-1)	13
8. (tie) St. Pius (NA)	13
10. Orchard Farm (NA)	12

Also receiving votes: Lutheran South and St. Charles.

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•Grapplers

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Jeremy Cox was the champion, with three pins along the way. Matt Werner took the title at 119 pounds, and Justin Hale won first place at 135 pounds.

Matt Levert took the top prize at 145 pounds, going 4-0 with three pins and a major decision. At 160, Ike Newman had a perfect day, going 4-0 with four pins in nailing down the championship.

Heavyweight Nick Campbell

also was perfect, as he also pinned all four of his opponents on Saturday.

"We had two others who were real close," Whitaker said. "Everyone chips in with this kind of tournament. Every point we get really counts."

Coming close was Kelly Huckelberry at 171 pounds. He went 3-1 on the weekend with three pins, as did Ryan Worthen at 125 pounds.

Other JV wrestlers competing in the meet were Ben Lofink (112), Shawn Courtney

(120), Kenney Cuvor (140), Dan Mercer (152) and Mark Deroset (169).

"We had to mix our lineup around, mostly because we're missing a couple of freshmen kids that were wrestling for us," Whitaker said. "Considering that, we did very well at this tournament."

"Two weeks ago, we were at a tournament" where St. Charles West beat us, so it was nice to turn the tables on them a bit. We got some revenge."

•Skaters

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son to open the scoring at the 3:32 mark of the first period, as Burns picked up his first point of the night with an assist. Three minutes later, Aaron Reeves picked up his eighth goal of the year, also from Burns.

Howell North used its talented brother combination of Nick and David Post to give the Warriors a Nick Post plays for the Junior Blues, and his brother David is nearly as talented.

Nick Post tied the game at 2:35 into the second period. Kevin Nenninger (from Clint Phelps) scored his 11th goal of the year three minutes later, but David Post tied the game

again when he poked one past goalie Jim Conrad at the 11:46 mark.

"They use the same style we do — work the puck deep into the corners," Yurkovich said. "They were doing a good job of it, but so were we. We were getting chances, but they weren't going in. We could have had three or four more goals in the first period."

"Jim was giving up very few rebounds, and the ones he did we were clearing out well. I was glad they were playing us tight, but I knew all we had to do was keep our intensity up and just keep working. There was no reason to change anything."

Burns opened the third-period scoring with his fourth goal of the season, assisted by Reeves and Len Wilson at 1:54. "It could have gone either way at that point, but we got the first goal in that period," Yurkovich said. "That was a big goal."

A second momentum boost for the Warriors came with 4:33 gone in the third period, when Harris blocked a shot, controlled the puck and skated the length of the ice to score

an unassisted breakaway goal. "That was a huge goal for us, and I was glad to see Bobby get that," Yurkovich said. "He'd had good chances earlier, and just couldn't put it in. He deserved to get a goal, and at that point we really had the momentum."

At the 5:00 mark, Burns tallied again, this time from Reeves. "That's his best night of the year, point-wise," Yurkovich said. "He played a great game, and that was much-needed on our part. We're very pleased with Jon and the other youngsters who are helping us out."

Bobby Prithard added his ninth of the year with 2:51 left on an assist from Wilson. Howell North added a late tally, but it was far too little, too late. The Warriors outshot Howell North 39-25.

"Nothing seems to bother these guys," Yurkovich said. "We got quite a challenge from this team, but knew we were playing well, and there was no reason to panic. We have to be on our toes at all times now."

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Craft fair — The Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College hosted a Country Treasures Craft Fair recently. Angie White, left, of Granite City, and Sandy Riley of Edwardsville admire some of the Christmas decorations at the Country Treasures booth. Crafters came from all over the Midwest to participate in the show.

Births

Hanna Beck
Thomas and Carol Beck of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Hanna Grace was born at 11:12 a.m. Oct. 4, 1995. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and joins Jenna 4.

Dale and Betty Schilling of Glen Carbon are the maternal grandparents. Her paternal grandparents are Don and Eleanor Beck of Granite City.

Kylee Lawson
Thomas Jr. and Debra Lawson of Troy have announced the birth of their fourth child.

Kylee DeNeer was born at 7:38 p.m. Oct. 7, 1995. Kylee weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and joins Shauna 17, Stacy 15, and Casey 12.

Maternal grandparents are Betty Wallace of Hillsboro, Ill., and the late Charles Canova. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Erma Lawson of Granite City.

Joseph McGlawn
Mark and Danettea

McGlawn of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Joseph Allen was born Oct. 8, 1995 and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Lois Mull of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Marion and Louise of Granite City.

Drew Hubbard
Robert and Stephanie Hubbard of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Drew Isaac Michael Hubbard was born at 1:58 p.m. Nov. 19, 1995, at St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

The mother is the former Stephanie Dianne Watkins.

Maternal grandparents are Bruce and Donna (Harper) Watkins of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Penny (Isaak) Hubbard of Granite City.

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AARP members attend Christmas dinner, dance

Approximately 200 American Association of Retired Persons members attended the annual AARP Chapter 1340 Christmas dinner and dance, held at the Granite City Township Hall.

The hall was festooned with gala Christmas decorations and a Christmas tree.

President Pauline Hanson welcomed members and guests. Margaret Ferro led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before the festivities began, Hanson awarded the monetary gifts to Protestant Welfare, the Catholic Charities and the Mayor's Youth Fund. A basket of needed items will be presented to the Phoenix Crisis Center.

A BUFFET WAS PREPARED by Jerry's Cafeteria and Catering Service. Christmas candy boxes, furnished by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, were part of each table place setting. Thomas also donated a Cionko gift certificate, which was won by Emily Coleman. The group's regular 50/50 prizes were distributed. Fifty silver dollars were given as attendance prizes, courtesy of Irwin Chapel.

The AARP special attendance prize name drawn was Catherine Fedora, who was not in attendance, thereby increasing the prize by \$5 for the next drawing at the January meeting. Certificates of appreciation for dedicated services were presented to officers and the board members: Pauline Hanson, Margaret Ferro, Lucille Caban, James Gerboe, Betty J. Smallie, Helen Bergfield, Helen Bertacchi, Mary Earls, Mike Lombardi, Retta Lombardi, Helen Meyers, Wilma Ostresh, Annabelle Patton, Euphie Tarris and Marge Hall, past president.

Others recognized for their services were Ben Forsythe, Clare Tanase, Irma Manning and George and Delphine Stone.

The band, Jerry's Kids, provided holiday music for dancing and listening.

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Boy Scouts seek 'lost' Eagles

The Okaw Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America is searching for "lost Eagles" — people who have achieved Scouting's highest rank since the badge was first awarded in 1912.

The council, based in Belleville, will hold a "Gathering of Eagles" for Eagle Scouts of all ages and their spouse or partner on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Officers Club at Scott Air Force Base. The gathering will include a fellowship at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7 p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling the Scout Service Center at 234-9111.

Maj. Gen. (retired) Donald W. Bennett of O'Fallon is chairman of the Gathering of Eagles and will serve as master of ceremonies. "It will be the perfect opportunity for Eagle Scouts to swap scouting stories and the guest speaker and dinner will be excellent," he said.

Although only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach Eagle rank, well over a million

have achieved that honor over the past 83 years. Unfortunately, it wasn't until the early 1970s that the Boy Scouts of America began maintaining records of adult Eagles.

Finding and registering "lost" Eagles in the National Eagle Scout Association is one of the Okaw Valley Council's objectives, but it also wants to get them actively involved in scouting again.

"Qualified volunteer leadership is a continuing need for the Boy Scouts," said Jack Weatherwax, scout executive. "We hope this Eagle search will add to our corps of outstanding leaders."

Weatherwax added, "People in America seem to be returning to the values Scouting never left. We believe many of our 'lost' Eagles would enjoy providing leadership and examples so badly needed by today's youth."

BAC offers spring classes at Madison High

Madison area residents may register for spring classes through Belleville Area College at Madison High School.

Extension center students are encouraged to register by telephone. Call 1 (800) BAC-5311, ext. 455 or 392. Also, students may register in person from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, through

Jan. 20, at the college's three campuses.

Call Cynthia Kolakowski, 876-7010, for information. Tuition is \$40 per credit hour. Some courses may have additional lab fees.

Extension center classes begin Jan. 20. Spring courses include:

• Introduction to IBM Personal Computers, 6:50 to 9:50 p.m., Thursday. One credit hour.

• Personal Computers DOS, 6:50 to 9:50 p.m., Thursday. One credit hour.

• Conversational Spanish, 6:30 to 9:20 p.m., Monday. General studies.

• Small Gas Engines, 7 to 9:50 p.m., Wednesday. General studies.



Warm neighbors — ABOVE, the office of campus activities at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus is holding a supply drive to help a Granite City family whose home and belongings were destroyed by fire. Susan Valentine, a GCC student volunteer, adds a bag of clothes to the collection box. Campus activities is accepting donations of clothing and other nonperishable personal items for the family. BELOW, Alpha Kappa Rho, GCC chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, recently held a coat drive to collect warm winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves for needy Granite City families. Carrie Large, left, vice president of PTK, and Diane Copeland, director of GCC activities, sort the coats that have been collected. Drop boxes for the coat collection were located throughout GCC.



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Horoscope

Thursday, Dec. 21
The new moon occurs in earth-sign Capricorn, bringing focus to political and family dynamics. It brings a fresh start and an improved way to view your future in the world. Political interplay is of the utmost importance to the way we view ourselves and our loved ones. Be influential by fulfilling a position you are comfortable with instead of climbing. Feeling at home is synonymous with power now. Love-planet Venus moves into warm, social Aquarius. Those seeking romance find it entirely accessible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Make plans with a friend you have not seen for some time. Keep rehearsing until you feel confident in a particular area. Relatives are receptive to financial requests. Your spouse or lover cheers you on to victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Contact a distant relative. An employer or higher-up takes an interest in your future. Find

out what is going on with an uncommunicative spouse or lover. You are steered toward a sound investment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You are powerfully drawn to someone you have only just met — avoid coming on too strong or you'll frighten him or her away. Grants or loans are approved. A colleague stands by you. Office dynamics improve today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You receive payment for special temporary work. There's no need to be shy about approaching a friend or neighbor — he or she is happy to help you. Your spouse or lover plans a romantic evening. You have luck at games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your contribution to a project is perfect no matter what the size. An admirer makes a romantic invitation. Avoid letting family members slip the whole tab for a meal or evening of entertainment. Be generous.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 21)
Friends are impressed with your assistance in a money matter — a proposition to head up a business deal is made to you in March. Love affairs grow more serious in May or June. Singles find romance through work or school, not at clubs or parties.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Establish boundaries from the outside with new roommates. You discover an unlikely source of income. A love interest showers you with attention this afternoon. Old friends treat you to a special evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Pass along valuable information to a friend you know will appreciate it. Start planning now for a vacation you're

going to take. Encourage your spouse or lover to have faith in his or her abilities. You get a bargain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Recent good news takes a load off your mind. Avoid letting a colleague or acquaintance mistake your sympathy for romance — be clear. Invest in a pal's business venture. A close friend gets you out of a scrape.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You discover a money-making talent you didn't know you had. Avoid making grand gestures when you aren't prepared to follow through. A romantic partner is only joking with you. You assist a close friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your faith in a friend is justified today. Fill your spouse or lover in on what he or she missed. Steadiness, not speed, is the key to financial security at this stage in your life. Go out for the evening with a partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Give your lover, who has let you down, another chance. Special bonus: a financial bonus as well. Write down all appointments or you'll schedule yourself to be in two places at once. A colleague is supportive.

Brasfield-50 Years

Robbie and Virginia Brasfield of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 25. A reception was held at the Granite City Eagles Lodge.

Robbie Brasfield and the former Virginia Brown were married Dec. 1, 1945, in Memphis, Tenn., by the Rev. M. C. Whittier. He was employed with Millstone Construction Co. for 28 years prior to his retirement. She was employed with the Salvation Army in St. Louis prior to her retirement.

Mr. Brasfield received a heart transplant on May 26, 1996.



Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Brasfield

They are the parents of five children, Jim Brasfield, of Lubbock, Texas, Steve Brasfield, of Dacono, Colo., Kathy Poston of Madison, Maria Brake of Granite City and Larry Brasfield of Greenville.

There are eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Organizations

Navy Mothers Club
The Navy Mothers Club met at Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant for its Christmas party. The tables were decorated with baskets of poinsettias and evergreens. At each place setting were favors, made by Nina George, Edna Miller, Marian Lipscomb and Mary Korscos.

The Navy Mothers Club chaplain offered the invocation. One guest, Patricia Cluts, and the members enjoyed a dinner.

In lieu of a gift exchange, the Navy Mothers Club members brought toys for its "Toys for Tots" project. This is the second year for this project, which will continue as long as there is a need.

The Navy Mothers Club will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 11 at Ravanello's Restaurant for dinner and a meeting.

Commander Mary Ann wished all members a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Unit 307 American Legion Auxiliary
Venice-Madison Unit 307 American Legion Auxiliary held its Christmas party meeting Dec. 4 at the Post 307 home in Venice.

Hostesses for the lunch were past presidents Frances Cowley, Dolores Weis, Roseann Koelker, Kate Buechele, Norma Hilmer and Dorothy Hanson. There were 25 members served.

In lieu of exchanging gifts, each member presented donated

\$2 for the Pilot Dog Project, the department president's special project.

Plans were made for some members to assist with the Christmas Gift Shop at John Cochran Veterans Administration Medical Center, held Dec. 5-7.

The group voted to donate a ham to the OATH Christmas dinner and to purchase luncheon meats and cheeses for the McDonnell U.S.O. for their Christmas lunches the week before the holidays.

Bingo was held at Colonial Haven and Colonades Nursing Center.

A money-making drawing was held and prizes were given. Many thanks were expressed to members who contributed money and prizes.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 8, because of the New Year holiday being the first Monday of the month.

District 9 Retired Office Personnel

The Granite City School District 9 Retired Office Personnel's December meeting was held at June Schneider's home.

Those in attendance were Jackie Thompson, Harriet Mercer, Gladys Wallace, Millie Chandler, Lucille Caban, Marge Burdge, Dorothy Larner, Marcelle Filcher, Frieda Andrews, Alice Campbell, Arlene Smith, Pat Uznoff, Aileen Worthen, Betty Harris and the hostess, Schneider.

Harriet Mercer has made reservations at the Honey Bee Restaurant in Edwardsville.

Graduations

Jennifer Wortham
Jennifer Lynn Wortham, a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and daughter of Elmer and Janis Wortham, graduated from the University of Tampa in Tampa, Fla., in December with a bachelor of science degree in marine science and biology.

Some of the organizations Wortham was involved with include the Florida Honors Council, Honors Program, Undergraduate Honors Fellowship, Beta Beta Beta and the Judicial Board of Justice. She served as a peer academic consultant.

Josh Houston
Josh Houston, a 1992 graduate

of Granite City High School, is a senior at Culver-Stockton College, graduating in May 1996 with a degree in communications and public relations.

Throughout Houston's four years at Culver-Stockton, he has been consistently on the honor roll. He writes articles for the school paper and does the public announcement for the men's and women's basketball teams. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

Houston has been the starting forward on the Wildcats soccer team for four years, serving as captain of the team. This year, he was named to the first team all-conference in the Heart of America Conference. He was also selected to play in the National All-Star College Soccer Festival at Kansas City, Kan., this summer.

He is the son of Ronnie and Jane Houston of Granite City.

Richard Willmore

National-Louis University announces the August graduation of Richard Willmore of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City. He earned a master of education degree from the university's National College of Education.

He is the son of Richard and Joyce Willmore of Granite City.

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Births

Abigail Rose
Marty and Kim Rose of Richmond, Va., formerly of Granite City, have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Abigail Cathleen Rose was born Nov. 10, 1995, and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. She was 21½ inches long.

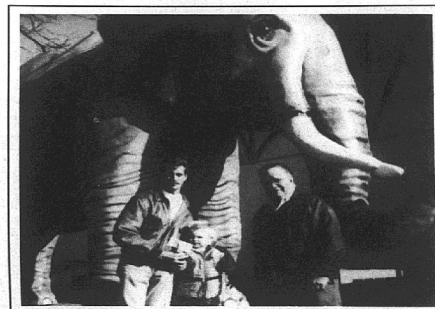
Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Barbara Smith of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Dolores Rose of Granite City.

Coyte Sprague
Frank Wayne Sprague and Diane Michelle Sprague of Ponton Beach have announced the birth of a son.

Coyte Wayne Sprague was born at 11:50 a.m. Dec. 5, 1995, at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dolores Richmond of Collinsville and Cleve and Dorothy Varney of St. Louis.

Coyte joins Jeff and Jessica.



Luscious — Glenn Yates, right, owner of The Party Shop, 5429 Maryville Rd., recently presented \$100 to Alex Siedhoff, center, for submitting the winning name, "Luscious", in the Pink Elephant Contest. Pictured at left is Alex's father, Rich Siedhoff of Granite City.

Logan Church to hold annual dinner Dec. 23

On Saturday, Dec. 23, the Logan Street Church of Christ, 1107 Logan St. in Madison, will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner for the needy and underprivileged citizens of Ponton Beach, Granite City, Madison, Venice and Brooklyn.

Dinner will be served from noon to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Building, Klein and Brown streets in Venice. Dinners will be delivered to the sick and shut-in. It is requested that the sick and shut-in call the church by today, Thursday, Dec. 21, to reserve a heater. The telephone number is 876-3362. Leave a message.

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